



Michigan State AFL-CIO

419 Washington Square South, Suite 200 • Lansing, Michigan 48933-2138

MARK T. GAFFNEY, *President*

TINA ABBOTT, *Secretary-Treasurer*

May 31, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Michigan AFL-CIO is dedicated to supporting the rights and best interests of three quarters of a million workers and their families. A number of our unions include communication workers. For that reason, we support the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, because we believe it is good for Michigan workers, consumers and society as a whole.

The merger would provide for the expansion of fourth generation LTE high speed broadband throughout the state and country - over ninety seven percent of Americans will have access to high-speed Internet. With that expansion comes new potential for economic growth and job creation. AT&T has said it will invest an additional \$8 billion in its network as a result of this merger, which will be a catalyst for job creation across the country.

Furthermore, post-merger T-Mobile workers will have the opportunity to work for a company has an excellent record with organized labor: AT&T has the nation's largest full-time unionized workforce, with a history of neutrality toward organizing efforts. As a result of this merger, T-Mobile employees would have the opportunity to choose to have a voice in the workplace, an important and beneficial step for a huge number of American workers.

In these difficult times, this is the kind of proposal that can help turn things around. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. Gaffney".

Mark Gaffney, President
Michigan AFL-CIO

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Michael Copps